

THE
CATECHISM
OF THE
CHURCH:
WITH
PROOFS
FROM THE
New Testament:

And some Additional
Questions and Answers.

Divided into XII SECTIONS,
for the Use of a Parish in *London.*

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THE Catechism of the Church is so clear, and comprehensive, as to want neither Exposition, nor Enlargement: However, to make it the fitter to attend upon the Publick Service of God, in a large Congregation; I have (with entire submission to my Superiours) taken the liberty to publish it with Three Improvements: (if I may so call them) 1. By dividing it into proportionable Sections, for the dispatching of the whole in a convenient Period of time: 2. By confirming all the Branches of it with Scriptural Proofs: And 3. By explaining more fully some parts of it, and especially the Articles of the Creed; and that these Additions may not seem to claim an equal rank with the rest, they are printed in a distinct Character. I know, the Catechism hath been attended so often within these few Years, with useful Enlargements from several hands; that to come after them with such a slight performance,

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may be counted a mean undertaking : But having a particular design to pursue, which none of those did exactly answer ; (some being too copious, and elaborate, and the rest not suiting perfectly with my Scheme) I have ventur'd upon a new Model, for the use of the Parish committed to my trust : In which I was desirous (according to my duty) to settle an easie Method of Catechizing upon every Lord's-day, in the time of Divine Service ; as hoping then to do it with the greatest success.

For this reason I have divided the Work into XII Portions of such a moderate compass, as that one of them may without trouble be finish'd at a time ; and the whole in a Circle of Three Months : And by such an instructive variety of Matter, there will be no fear (I presume) of tiring the Congregation. If it be thought, that some of the Sections are made of an inconvenient length, by multiplying the Proofs, and lay too heavy a burthen upon the young learners ; the Affair may be thus order'd, at the discretion of the Catechist : I have upon no Head exceeded the number of Four Proofs ; and when there is such choice, upon the first going over of the Catechism, the first Proof
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may be given; and at the second time the second, and so on, where the number will bear it: By which means they may all be dispatched in a Year, and the Children may have nothing impos'd upon them above their capacities: And both they, and the whole Congregation may be much edify'd by the customary use of so many necessary Lessons from the Holy Scripture: and when any one of the Proofs to a Branch is publicly repeated, they who look upon the Catechism, may have the rest in their Eye, and be able to treasure them up for their own benefit.

This indeed was my principal aim, to furnish my young Parishioners with a stock of Divine Instructions; and to teach them by this Essay the way of using the Scriptures: And though for good Reasons, I have chosen my Proofs wholly out of the New Testament, which is the proper ground of all Christian Doctrine; yet after this Pattern, they may improve all the parts of the Bible to Knowledge, and Piety, and Vertue. The Proofs which I have selected from the great plenty before me, are set down in a Catechetical Form, and in words at length; because the bare pointing to them by Marginal References, hath not the due effect upon the generality

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nerality of the People, for want of their diligence to consult them: Whereas such Passages inculcated to them in the Publick Assemblies, and laid up in their Memories; may prove very instrumental (by the Grace of God) to guide their Steps, and to preserve them against Errour, and Sin. The same advantage may be expected from the like Method in Private Families: And I would earnestly beseech Parents, and Masters, not to be wanting in this Charitable Office to those under their care; but to initiate them seasonably in the Principles of Religion, and to prepare them regularly for Confirmation, according to the excellent Order of the Church, and the Example of the Primitive Times: That by such early engagements, they may be fitted for higher degrees of Proficiency; and may walk uprightly in the midst of a crooked Generation, neither declining to the right hand, nor to the left. Domestic Institution is to lead the way to the Church; and 'tis a true Observation,

Archb.
Usher. *made by one very eminent in Learning, and Piety; Let us preach never so many Sermons unto the People, our labour is but lost, as long as the Foundation is unlaid, and the first Principles untaught,*

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taught, upon which all other Doctrine must be builded: *And therefore no Christian, that hath under him any tender, and uninstructed Souls, can be ignorant of his Duty in training them up Religiously ; a Duty visible even by the light of Nature ; and commanded by God to his ancient People ; and recommended by Apostolical Exhortations ; and acknowledg'd in all Ages to be of Universal Necessity. Let us then be active, and faithful in discharging this Obligation ; as knowing that we must give an account to God, for the little ones entrusted with us : But when we have done what lies in our power, we must depend upon the Divine Blessing, for the success of our Endeavours ; for Neither is he planteth any thing, neither he* 1 Cor. 3. 7. *that watereth ; but God that giveth the increase.*

The Order of the Church for Catechizing.

THE Curate of every Parish shall diligently upon *Sundays, and Holidays*, after the Second Lesson at Evening Prayer, openly in the Church instruct, and examine so many Children of his Parish sent unto him, as he shall think convenient, in some part of this Catechism. And all Fathers, Mothers, Masters, and Dames, shall cause their Children, Servants, and Prentices (which have not learned their Catechism) to come to the Church at the time appointed, and obediently to hear, and be ordered by the Curate; until such time as they have learned all that is here appointed for them to learn.

From Canon LX.

IT hath been a solemn, ancient, and laudable Custom in the Church of God, continued from the Apostles time; that all Bishops should lay their Hands upon Children baptized, and instructed in the Catechism of Christian Religion; praying over them, and blessing them: which we commonly call *Confirmation*.

A Prayer to be said by Children, when they are learning the Catechism.

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our Learning; Grant that I may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, and all Instructions agreeable to them; that by patience, and comfort of thy holy Word, I may embrace, and ever hold fast the blessed hope of Everlasting Life; which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Lately Publish'd by the same Author, *A Daily Office for the Sick; Compiled out of the Holy Scripture, and the Liturgy of our Church: With Occasional Prayers, Meditations, and Directions.*

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Proofs from the New Testament,
and some Additional QUESTIONS
and ANSWERS:

SECT. I. *Of the Benefits of BAPTISM.*

Quest. **W**hat is your Name?

Answ. P. or M.

Quest. Why dost thou
tell me the Name receiv'd in thy Bap-
tism, rather than that of thy Family?

Ans. Because the Name I receiv'd at my
Baptism, puts me in mind of the Duties
and Priviledges of the Christian Religion.

Quest. Who gave you this Name?

Answ. My God-fathers and God-mothers in
my Baptism; wherein I was made a Member
of Christ, the Child of God, and an Inheritor
of the Kingdom of Heaven.

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Quest. Why did your God-fathers and God-mothers give you your Christian Name?

Answ. Because they presented me to my Baptism, by which I was made a Christian; and did answer, and engage for me; and gave security to the Church for my Christian Education: And therefore I regard them as my Spiritual Parents.

Quest. How wast thou made in Baptism a Member of Christ?

Answ. In being then made a Member of his Spiritual Body, the Church; and thereby united to him as our Head, and deriving from him all my Strength, and Power to live as a Christian.

Quest. How is this prov'd from Scripture?

Answ. From Rom. 12. 5. *We being many, are one Body in Christ.*

1 Cor. 12. 12, 13. *As the Body is one, and hath many Members, so also is Christ: For by one Spirit are we all Baptized into one Body.*

Eph. 1. 22, 23. *He gave him to be the head over all things to the Church, Which is his Body.*

Quest.

Quest. How wast thou made in Baptism the Child of God?

Ans. In being then by the Grace, and favour of God adopted for one of his Children; through Christ, and our regeneration in him.

Quest. How is this prov'd from Scripture?

Ans. From *Joh. 1. 12.* *As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the Sons of God, even to them that believe on his Name.*

Rom. 8. 15. *Ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.*

Gal. 3. 26, 27. *Ye are all the Children of God by faith in Christ Jesus: For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ.*

Quest. How wast thou made in Baptism an Inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven?

Ans. In having the promise of this Eternal Inheritance; so that I may surely attain to it, by leading a Christian life.

Quest. How is this prov'd from Scripture?

Ans. From *Luke 12. 32.* *Fear not, little*

little Flock ; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom.

Rom. 8. 16, 17. We are the Children of God ; And if Children, then Heirs, Heirs of God, and Joynt-heirs with Christ.

Tit. 3. 5, 7. According to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost : That being justified by his Grace, we should be made Heirs according to the hope of eternal Life.

1 John 2. 25. This is the promise that he hath promis'd us, even eternal Life.

SECT. II. *Of the Vow of Baptism.*

Quest. **Y**OU have told me what you were made in Baptism : but cannot you forfeit these great advantages?

Answ. I cannot fail of them, if I keep the Promises made for me, when I was baptiz'd.

Quest. What did your God-fathers and God-mothers then for you ?

Answ. They did promise, and vow three things in my Name : First, that I should renounce the Devil, and all his works ; the pomps, and vanity of this wicked World ; and all the sinful lusts of the Flesh. Secondly, that I should believe all the Articles of the Christian Faith.

And

And thirdly, that I should keep God's holy Will, and Commandments, and walk in the same all the days of my life.

Quest. Dost thou not think, that thou art bound to believe, and to do, as they have promised for thee?

Ans. Yes verily; and by God's help so I will. And I heartily thank our heavenly Father, that he hath called me to this state of salvation, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. And I pray unto God, to give me his Grace, that I may continue in the same unto my lives end.

Quest. Thou dost well in praying to God for his Grace, and in owning the necessity of his help: But what Proof hast thou from Scripture, for the doing so?

Ans. From *John 15. 5. Without me ye can do nothing.*

2 Cor. 12. 9. He said unto me, My Grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness.

Phil. 2. 13. It is God which worketh in you, both to will, and to do, of his good pleasure.

Phil. 4. 13. I can do all things through Christ, which strengthneth me.

Quest. Where didst thou learn to pray to God for his Grace?

Ans. From *Luke 11. 13. If ye being evil,*

evil, know how to give good gifts unto your Children; how much more shall your heavenly Father, give the holy Spirit to them that ask him?

Heb. 4. 16. Let us come boldly unto the Throne of Grace; that we may obtain mercy, and find Grace to help in time of need.

Quest. What dost thou bind thy self to, in renouncing the Devil, and all his works?

Answ. I bind my self to the abhorrence of Satan, and all his temptations; and to the avoiding of all wickedness, either prompted by him, or done in imitation of him.

Quest. What Proof hast thou of this Obligation?

Answ. From 1 John 3. 8. He that committeth Sin is of the Devil; for the Devil sinneth from the beginning: For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the Devil.

1 John 5. 18. We know that whosoever is born of God, sinneth not: But he that is begotten of God, keepeth himself; and that wicked one toucheth him not.

Ephes. 4. 27. Neither give place to the Devil.

Quest. What dost thou bind thy self to, in renouncing the pomps and vanity of this wicked World?

Answ.

Answ. I bind my self not to seek greedily, or by unlawful means, after Honour, and Glory, and Riches ; nor to use any of God's Creatures to excess ; but to refrain from Pride, and Ambition, and Covetousness ; and from ungodly and vain Customs, and all the outward allurements to Sin.

Quest. What Proof hast thou of this Obligation ?

Answ. From 1 *John* 2. 15. *Love not the World, neither the things that are in the World. If any Man love the World, the love of the Father is not in him.*

Rom. 12. 2. *Be not conformed to this World.*

Jam. 4. 4. *Know ye not, that the friendship of the World is enmity with God ? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the World, is the enemy of God.*

Quest. What dost thou bind thy self to, in renouncing the sinful lusts of the Flesh ?

Answ. I bind my self to abstain from those sensual Pleasures, which God hath forbidden ; and to resist all impure desires ; and to tame, and regulate my disorderly Inclinations, and corrupt Nature, inwardly delighting in what is evil.

Quest. What Proof hast thou of this Obligation ?

Answ. From Gal. 5. 24. *They that are Christ's have crucified the Flesh, with the affections, and lusts.*

Rom. 8. 13. *If ye live after the Flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortifie the deeds of the Body, ye shall live.*

1 Pet. 2. 11. *I beseech you as Strangers, and Pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the Soul.*

Quest. What Proof hast thou of being bound to believe all the Articles of the Christian Faith?

Answ. From John 3. 36. *He that believeth on the Son, hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son, shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.*

John 17. 3. *This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.*

Mar. 16. 16. *He that believeth, and is baptized, shall be saved: but he that believeth not, shall be damned.*

1 John 3. 23. *This is his commandment, that we should believe on the Name of his Son Jesus Christ.*

Quest. What Proof hast thou of being bound to keep all the Commandments of God?

Answ.

Answ. From John 14. 15. If ye love me, keep my Commandments.

Mat. 28. 20. Teaching them to observe all things, whatsoever I have commanded you.

1 John 2. 3. 4. Hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his Commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his Commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

Eph. 2. 10. We are his Workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained, that we should walk in them.

SECT. III. *Of the Creed: and more particularly of God the Father.*

Catechist. Rehearse the Articles of thy Belief.

Answ. 1. I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven, and Earth: 2. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord: 3. Who was Conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: 4. Suffered under Pontius Pilate; was Crucified, Dead, and Buried; He descended into Hell: 5. The third day he rose again from the dead: 6. He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. 7. From thence he shall come to judge the Quick, and the Dead.

Dead. 8. I believe in the Holy Ghost : 9. The Holy Catholick Church, the Communion of Saints : 10. The forgiveness of Sins : 11. The Resurrection of the Body : 12. And the Life Everlasting. Amen.

Quest. Thou hast well repeated this Apostolical Summary of the Principles of the Christian Religion: But why dost thou say *Amen*, after the rehearsing of it?

Ans. To testifie my stedfast belief of it; and my desire to live, as one that heartily believes it.

Quest. What dost thou chiefly learn in these Articles of thy Belief?

Ans. First, I learn to believe in God the Father; who hath made me, and all the World.

Secondly, In God the Son, who hath redeemed me, and all Mankind.

Thirdly, In God the Holy Ghost; who sanctifieth me, and all the Elect People of God.

Quest. What is it to believe in God?

Ans. To believe that God is, and that he is faithful, and true in all his words: and to trust in him, and depend upon him.

Quest. Let us go over the Articles of the Creed more distinctly: What believest thou concerning the first Article, *I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven, and Earth?*

Ans. I believe that there is one living,

ving, and true God ; an Infinite, Eternal, and Incomprehensible Spirit ; having all Perfections in, and of himself : and that God was from all Eternity the Father of our Lord Christ ; and that he hath an unlimited Power, and Right to do whatsoever he pleaseth ; and that he did exert this Power, in making out of nothing, by his Word alone, the Heavens, and the Earth, and all things therein ; which he still preserves, and disposeth of most wisely, according to his own Will.

Quest. What Proof hast thou of God's being an Eternal Spirit ?

Ans. From *John* 4. 24. *God is a Spirit.*

1 Tim. 1. 17. *Unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory, for ever and ever.*

1 Tim 6. 16. *Who only hath Immortality, dwelling in the light which no Man can approach unto ; whom no Man hath seen, nor can see : to whom be honour and power everlasting.*

Quest. What Proof hast thou, that there is but One God ?

Ans. From *1 Cor.* 8. 4. *There is none other God but One.*

Eph. 4. 6. *One God, and Father of all ;*
who

who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

1 Tim. 2. 5. *There is one God, and one Mediator between God and Men, the Man Christ Jesus.*

Quest. What Proof hast thou of Three Persons in the Unity of this Godhead?

Ans. From **1 John 5. 7.** *There are Three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these Three are One.*

Mat. 28. 19. *Teach all Nations baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.* •

2 Cor. 13. 14. *The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.*

Quest. What Proof hast thou of God's being Almighty?

Ans. From **Mat. 19. 26.** *With God all things are possible.*

Mar. 14. 36. *Abba, Father, All things are possible unto thee.*

Rom. 4. 21. *Being fully perswaded, that what he had promised, he was able also to perform.*

Quest. What Proof hast thou of God's Creating the World?

Ans.

Answ. Besides the History of the Creation, from *Acts* 4. 24. *Lord, thou art God, which hast made Heaven, and Earth; and the Sea, and all that in them is.*

1 Cor. 8. 6. *To us there is but one God the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.*

Heb. 11. 3. *Through Faith we understand, that the Worlds were framed by the Word of God; so that things which are seen, were not made of things which do appear.*

Rev. 4. 11. *O Lord, thou hast created all things; and for thy pleasure they are, and were created.*

SECT. IV. *Of Christ in his Divine Nature, and Incarnation.*

Quest. **W**Hat believest thou concerning the second Article of the Creed, *And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord?*

Answ. I believe in *Jesus*, as the Saviour of Mankind; and that he is truly the *Christ*, who was promised to come for our Redemption: and that he is the only Son of God by Nature, begotten from everlasting

lasting of the Father : and that he is our Lord, and Master, and God.

Quest. What is imply'd by owning Jesus to be *Christ*, or the *Messias*?

Ans. That he was the promised Redeemer of his People ; and was anointed with the Spirit of God, to be their King, and Priest, and Prophet.

Quest. How is Christ our King, and Priest, and Prophet?

Ans. He is our King, in governing, and protecting his Church : He is our Priest, in offering one Sacrifice, and always interceding for us : and he is our Prophet, in teaching us most perfectly the Will of God.

Quest. What Proof hast thou of being bound to believe in Christ?

Ans. From *John* 3. 18. *He that believeth on him, is not condemned : but he that believeth not, is condemned already ; because he hath not believed in the Name of the only begotten Son of God.*

John 14. 1. *Ye believe in God ; believe also in me.*

Acts 16. 31. *Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.*

Quest.

Quest. How dost thou prove, that Christ is the Saviour of Mankind?

Ans. From *Mat.* 1. 21. *Thou shalt call his Name Jesus: for he shall save his People from their Sins.*

1 Tim. 1. 15. *This a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation; That Christ Jesus came into the World to save Sinners.*

Heb. 5. 9. *He became the Author of eternal Salvation, unto all them that obey him.*

1 John 4. 14. *We have seen, and do testifie, that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the World.*

Quest. How dost thou prove, that Salvation can be obtain'd by no other way, but by Christ alone?

Ans. From *John* 14. 6. *I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life: no Man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

John 15. 6. *If a Man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a Branch, and is wither'd; and Men gather them, and cast them into the Fire, and they are burned.*

Acts 4. 12. *Neither is there Salvation in any other: for there is none other Name under Heaven given among Men, whereby we must be saved.*

1 John 5. 12. *He that hath the Son, hath*

bath Life: and he that hath not the Son, hath not Life.

Quest. How dost thou prove, that *Jesus is the Christ?*

Answ. From *Mat. 16. 16.* *Thou art Christ, the Son of the living God.*

John 6. 69. *We believe, and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.*

Acts 2. 36. *Let all the House of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have Crucified, both Lord, and Christ.*

1 John 5. 1. *Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ, is born of God.*

Quest. How dost thou prove, that *Christ is the Only Son of God?*

Answ. From *John 1. 18.* *No Man hath seen God at any time: the only-begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.*

1 John 4. 9. *In this was manifested the love of God towards us, because that God sent his only-begotten Son into the World, that we might live through him.*

Quest. How dost thou prove our *Saviour to be God?*

Answ. From *John 1. 1.* *In the beginning*

ning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Rom. 9. 5. Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever.

Phil. 2. 6. Who being in the form of God, thought it not Robbery to be equal with God.

Col. 2. 9. In him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

Quest. What believest thou concerning the third Article of the Creed, *Who was Conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary?*

Ans. I believe that Christ was Conceived without any Sin, by the miraculous Power of the Holy Ghost overshadowing a pure Virgin, whose Name was *Mary*: and that he perfectly took our Nature, and was born of her, appearing hereby to be the Son of *David*.

Quest. What Proof hast thou of our Lord's Conception by the Holy Ghost?

Ans. From *Mat. 1. 20. Fear not to take unto thee Mary thy Wife; for that which is conceived in her, is of the Holy Ghost.*

Luke 1. 35. The holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that

Holy thing which shall be born of thee, shall be called the Son of God.

Quest. What Proof hast thou, that our Lord did really take the Nature of Man?

Answ. From *John* 1. 14. *The Word was made Flesh, and dwelt among us.*

Gal. 4. 4. *God sent forth his Son made of a Woman.*

Heb. 2. 16. *Verily he took not upon him the Nature of Angels; but he took on him the Seed of Abraham.*

1 Tim. 3. 16. *God was manifest in the Flesh.*

Quest. How dost thou prove, that Christ descended from *David*?

Answ. From his Genealogy in the Gospel; and from

Mat. 21. 9. *Hosanna to the Son of David.*

Luke 1. 32. *The Lord God shall give unto him the Throne of his Father David.*

Acts 13. 23. *Of this Man's Seed hath God, according to his Promise, raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus.*

Rom. 1. 3. *Jesus Christ our Lord, who was made of the Seed of David, according to the Flesh.*

Quest. How dost thou prove, that Christ was born of a Virgin?

Answ.

Answ. From *Mat. i. 22, 23.* Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the Prophet, saying, Behold, a Virgin shall be with Child, and shall bring forth a Son.

SECT. V. *Of Christ in his Sufferings, and Exaltation.*

Quest. **W**Hat believest thou concerning the fourth Article of the Creed, *Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was Crucified, Dead, and Buried*; * *He descended into Hell*?

* This branch may as reasonably be joyn'd with the following Article: but the full meaning of it the Church hath left undetermin'd.

Answ. I believe that the Son of God having taken our Flesh, did therein, for our benefit, undergo the accursed death of the Cross; to which he was condemned by *Pontius Pilate*, the *Roman Governour* of *Judea*: and that his Soul was really separated from his Body; which lying for some time in the Grave, his Soul removed to the Spirits of Men departed; and having conquer'd the Powers of Darknes by his Cross, he went down into Hell.

Quest. Why did our Lord submit to the death of the Cross?

Answ. To deliver Mankind, by the infinite price of his Blood, from the Punishment, and Curse that was due for our Sins; and to reconcile his Father to us, by satisfying his Justice, and making himself a Sacrifice for us.

Quest. How is this end of our Saviour's death prov'd from the Scripture?

Answ. From Gal. 3. 13. *Christ hath redeemed us from the Curse of the Law, being made a Curse for us.*

Rom. 5 10. *When we were Enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son.*

1 Pet. 2. 24. *Who his own self bare our sins in his own Body on the Tree, that we being dead to Sins, should live unto Righteousness: by whose Stripes ye were healed.*

1 John 2. 2. *He is the propitiation for our Sins: and not for ours only, but also for the Sins of the whole World.*

Quest. What Proof is there of Christ's descending into Hell?

Answ. From Acts 2. 25, 27. *David speaketh concerning him, Thou wilt not leave my Soul in Hell.*

Quest. What believest thou concerning

ning the fifth Article of the Creed, *The third day he rose again from the dead?*

Ans. I believe that on the Morning of the third day after his Passion, the Soul of *Christ* was united again to his crucify'd Body; and he arose from the Grave, to an Immortal Life, by the Power of God.

Quest. How dost thou prove the Resurrection of *Christ* in this manner?

Ans. From the History of the Gospel: and from

Acts 2. 24. *Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of Death; because it was not possible, that he should be holden of it.*

Acts 13. 37. *He whom God raised again, saw no corruption.*

Rom. 6. 9. *Christ being raised from the dead, dieth no more; Death hath no more dominion over him.*

Rev. 1. 18. *I am he that liveth, and was dead: and behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the Keys of Hell, and of Death.*

Quest. What believest thou concerning the sixth Article of the Creed, *He ascended into Heaven; and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty?*

Ans. I believe that Christ, having finish'd by his death the work of our Redemption, was in his glorify'd Body taken up to Heaven, in the sight of his Disciples, forty days after his Resurrection: and that from his entrance into Heaven, he hath been exalted to the honour of sitting at the right hand of God the Father; and of appearing for us in his Presence, with full Power, and Dominion.

Quest. Thou didst tell me truly, that God is a Spirit; and how then can Christ sit at his right hand?

Ans. This Expression is borrow'd from the manner of Men, in counting it the most honourable place, to be set on the right hand of a Prince: and so it signifies, that Christ is advanc'd in Heaven to the highest Dignity, and Authority under God.

Quest. What Proof hast thou of the truth of this Article?

Ans. From the History of our Lord's Ascension: and from

1 Pet. 3. 22. *Who is gone into Heaven, and is on the right hand of God; Angels, and Authorities, and Powers being made subject unto him.* Eph.

Eph. 1. 20, 21. He raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places; Far above all Principality, and Power, and Might, and Dominion; and every name that is named, not only in this World, but also in that which is to come.

Heb. 10. 12. This Man after he had offered one sacrifice for sins, for ever sat down on the right hand of God.

Acts 7. 56. Behold, I see the Heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing on the right hand of God.

Quest. What believest thou concerning the seventh Article of the Creed, From thence he shall come to judge the Quick, and the Dead?

Ans. I believe that Christ shall come down again from Heaven with great Majesty, to judge all Men according to their works done in this Life; both the Righteous, and the Wicked; both such as shall be found alive at his second coming, and such as have died, and shall die before it, in all Ages of the World.

Quest. How is this prov'd from Scripture?

Ans. From Mat. 16. 27. The Son of Man shall come in the glory of his Father,

with his Angels ; and then he shall reward every Man according to his works.

ACTS 10. 42. He commanded us to preach unto the People, and to testifie ; that it is he which was ordained of God, to be the Judge of quick, and Dead.

ACTS 17. 31. He hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the World in righteousness, by that Man whom he hath ordained ; whereof he hath given assurance unto all Men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

2 COR. 5. 10. We must all appear before the Judgment-seat of Christ ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good, or bad.

SECT. VI. Of the Holy Ghost : and the following Articles of the Creed.

Quest. **W**Hat believest thou concerning the eighth Article of the Creed, *I believe in the Holy Ghost ?*

Ans. I believe in the Holy Spirit, as God, together with the Father, and the Son : and that as the Scriptures come from his Inspiration ; so by his working upon the Soul, all good Christians are led,

led, and converted, and sanctify'd, and made acceptable to God.

Quest. What Proof hast thou of these operations of the Divine Spirit ?

Ans. From Rom. 8. 14. *As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the Sons of God.*

1 Cor. 3. 16. *Know ye not that ye are the Temple of God; and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you ?*

1 Cor. 6. 11. *But ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.*

1 John 4. 13. *Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.*

Quest. What Proof hast thou, that the Scriptures come from the Inspiration of the Holy Ghost ?

Ans. From 2 Tim. 3. 16. *All Scripture is given by inspiration of God ?*

2 Pet. 1. 21. *The Prophecy came not in old time by the Will of Man: but holy Men of God spake, as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.*

Acts 3. 21. *God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy Prophets, since the World began.*

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Joh. 16. 13. *When he the Spirit of Truth is come, he will guide you into all truth.*

Quest. What believest thou concerning the ninth Article of the Creed, *The Holy Catholick Church, the Communion of Saints?*

Answ. I believe that the Servants of God in all ages, and places, have made up one Body under Christ their Head; and that there is, and always will be a company of true Believers, appointed to Salvation, and joyning in the Word, and Sacraments under Pastors lawfully ordain'd: and that the Members of this Church are called to be Saints; and ought to maintain communion with Christ, and fellowship with one another in all the Offices of Piety, and Charity.

Quest. Why is the Church called Holy, and Catholick?

Answ. The Church is called Holy, because 'tis joyned to God in Covenant; and the true Members of it are sanctify'd by the Spirit of Holiness: and 'tis called Catholick, or Universal because 'tis spread over all the World, and all Nations are equally admitted to it.

Q. What Proof hast thou of this Holy, Catholick Church?

Answ.

Answ. From Mat. 16. 18. Upon this Rock I will build my Church ; and the Gates of Hell shall not prevail against it.

Acts 20. 28. The Holy Ghost hath made you Overseers, to feed the Church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

Mar. 16. 15. Go ye into all the World, and preach the Gospel to every creature.

Eph. 5. 27. That he might present it to himself a glorious Church, not having spot, or wrinkle : but that it should be holy, and without blemish.

Quest. What Proof hast thou of the Communion of Saints ?

Answ. From Acts 2. 42. They continued steadfastly in the Apostles doctrine, and fellowship ; and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Eph. 4. 3. Endeavouring to keep the unity of the spirit, in the bond of peace.

1 Cor. 1. 10. I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you : but that ye be perfectly joyned together in the same mind, and in the same judgment.

1 John 1. 7. If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another.

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Quest. What believest thou concerning the tenth Article of the Creed, *The forgiveness of Sins?*

Answ. I believe that in the Christian Church, pardon is offer'd by God to all penitent Sinners, and sealed in Baptism, through the Merits of our Saviour's Death, and Satisfaction: and that he hath authoriz'd the Ministers of his Church, to declare, and apply this release from the guilt of Sin, to all such as sincerely believe, and repent.

Quest. How is this prov'd from Scripture?

Answ. From *Luke 24. 47.* *That repentance, and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all Nations.*

2 Cor. 5. 19. *God was in Christ, reconciling the World unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.*

Eph. 1. 7. *In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his Grace.*

John 20. 23. *Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them.*

Quest. What believest thou concerning the eleventh Article of the Creed, *The Resurrection of the Body?* *Answ.*

Answ. I believe that the dead Bodies of all Men shall hereafter be rais'd out of the Grave, and restor'd for ever to their Souls; that they may be judged in the very same flesh, which they had in this life; and that the Saints may be freed from Corruption, and clothed with Immortality.

Quest. How is this prov'd from Scripture?

Answ. From *John* 5. 28, 29. *The hour is coming, in the which all that are in the Graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of Life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of Damnation.*

Acts 24. 15. *I have hope towards God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just, and unjust.*

2 Cor. 4. 14. *Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus, shall raise up us also by Jesus.*

1 Thes. 4. 14. *If we believe that Jesus died, and rose again; even so them also which sleep in Jesus, will God bring with him.*

Quest. What believest thou concerning the twelfth Article of the Creed, *And the Life everlasting?*

Answ.

Ans. I believe that after the Resurrection, all the Righteous shall enjoy eternal, and unspeakable happiness, both in Body, and Soul; and dwell for ever with Christ in the highest Heavens.

Quest. How is this prov'd from Scripture?

Ans. From John 6. 47. *Verily, verily I say unto you; He that believeth on me, hath everlasting life.*

John 10. 28. *I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any pluck them out of my hand.*

1 Pet. 5. 4. *When the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a Crown of glory that fadeth not away.*

1 John 5. 11. *This is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life: and this life is in his Son.*

Quest. How are the Wicked to be dispos'd of hereafter?

Ans. They are to be banish'd from the presence of God; and tormented eternally in Hell, with the Devil, and his Angels.

Quest. How is this prov'd from Scripture?

Ans. From Mat. 25. 41. *Depart from*

me ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the Devil, and his Angels.

Luke 3. 17. He will gather the Wheat into his Garner; but the Chaff he will burn with fire unquenchable.

1 Cor. 6. 9. Know ye not, that the unrighteous shall not inherit the Kingdom of God?

2 Thes. 1. 7, 8, 9. The Lord Jesus shall be revealed from Heaven, with his mighty Angels; In flaming fire, taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction, from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his Power.

SECT. VII. *Of the Ten Commandments.*

Quest. **Y**ou said that your God-fathers, and God-mothers did promise for you, that you should keep God's Commandments. Tell me how many there be.

Answ. Ten.

Quest. Hath God given us no more than Ten Rules of Obedience?

Answ. The Ten Commandments are a Summary of the Moral Law, containing our whole Duty both to God, and Man.

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Quest. Which be they ?

Answer.

The same which God spake in the twentieth Chapter of Exodus, saying ; I am the Lord thy God, who brought thee out of the Land of Egypt, out of the House of Bondage.

I. Thou shalt have none other Gods but me.

II. Thou shalt not make to thy self any graven Image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in Heaven above, or in the Earth beneath, or in the Water under the Earth. Thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them. For I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, and visit the sins of the Fathers upon the Children, unto the third, and fourth Generation of them that hate me ; and shew mercy unto thousands in them that love me, and keep my Commandments.

III. Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain : for the Lord will not hold him guiltless, that taketh his Name in vain.

IV. Remember that thou keep Holy the Sabbath-day. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all that thou hast to do, but the Seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God. In it thou shalt do no manner of Work, thou, and thy Son, and thy Daughter, thy Man-servant, and thy Maid-servant, thy Cattel, and the Stranger that is within thy Gates. For in six days the Lord made Heaven, and Earth, the Sea, and all that in them is, and rested the Seventh day : wherefore the Lord blessed the Seventh day, and hallowed it.

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V. Honour thy Father, and thy Mother; that thy days may be long in the Land, which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

VI. Thou shalt do no Murder.

VII. Thou shalt not commit Adultery.

VIII. Thou shalt not steal.

IX. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy Neighbour.

X. Thou shalt not covet thy Neighbour's House; thou shalt not covet thy Neighbour's Wife; nor his Servant, nor his Maid, nor his Ox, nor his Ass, nor any thing that is his.

Quest. What Proof hast thou, that Christ hath confirmed these Commandments?

Ans. From Mat. 19. 17. If thou wilt enter into life, keep the Commandments.

Mat. 22. 37, 38, 39, 40. Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind: This is the first, and great Commandment. And the second is like unto it. Thou shalt love thy Neighbour as thy self. On these two Commandments hang all the Law, and the Prophets.

Rom. 7. 12. *The Law is holy; and the Commandment holy, and just, and good.*

Quest. What dost thou chiefly learn by these Commandments ?

Ans. I learn two things : my duty to-
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wards God, and my duty towards my Neighbour.

Quest. What is thy duty towards God ?

Ans. My duty towards God, is to believe in him, to fear him ; and to love him with all my heart, with all my mind, with all my soul, and with all my strength ; to worship him ; to give him thanks ; to put my whole trust in him ; to call upon him ; to honour his holy Name, and his Word ; and to serve him truly all the days of my life.

Quest. What is thy duty towards thy Neighbour ?

Ans. My duty towards my Neighbour, is to love him as my self ; and to do to all Men, as I would they should do unto me. To love, honour, and succour my Father, and Mother. To honour, and obey the King ; and all that are put in Authority under him. To submit my self to all my Governours, Teachers, Spiritual Pastours, and Masters. To order my self lowly, and reverently to all my Betters. To hurt no body by word, or deed. To be true, and just in all my dealing. To bear no malice, nor hatred in my heart, to keep my hands from picking, and stealing ; and my tongue from evil speaking, lying, and slandering. To keep my body in temperance, soberness, and chastity. Not to covet, nor desire other Men's Goods ; but to learn, and labour truly to get my own living ; and to do my duty in that state of life, unto which it shall please God to call me.

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SECT. VIII. *Of the Duties of the First Table.*

Quest. **T**Hou hast told me the several parts of thy Duty towards God : but how dost thou prove it to be thy duty, to believe in him?

Answ. From *Heb. 11. 6.* *Without Faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God, must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*

Rom. 4. 20. *He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief: but was strong in Faith, giving glory to God.*

Quest. How dost thou prove it to be thy duty, to fear God?

Answ. From *Luke 12. 5.* *I will forewarn you whom you shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed, hath power to cast into Hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him.*

1 Pet. 2. 17. *Fear God.*

Quest. How dost thou prove it to be thy duty, to love God?

Answ. From *Mar. 12. 30.* *Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength.* D 2 John

John 21. 15. *Lord, thou knowest that I love thee.*

Eph. 6. 24. *Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity.*

Quest. How dost thou prove it to be thy duty, to worship God?

Ans. From John 4. 23. *The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in Spirit, and in Truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.*

Mat. 4. 10. *It is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.*

Rev. 22. 9. *Worship God.*

Quest. What Proof hast thou for Bodily Worship?

Ans. From Luke 22. 41. *He kneeled down, and prayed.*

Acts 20. 36. *He kneeled down, and prayed with them all.*

Ephes. 3. 14. *I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Rev. 4. 10. *The Elders fall down before him that sat on the Throne, and worship him that liveth for ever, and ever.*

Quest. What Proof hast thou from the Christian Law, against Idolatrous Worship?

Ans.

Ans. From 1 Cor. 10. 14. *My dearly beloved, flee from Idolatry.*

2 Cor. 6. 16. *What agreement hath the Temple of God with Idols?*

1 John 5. 21. *Little Children, keep yourselves from Idols.*

Quest. Are Christians bound to keep Holy the Sabbath-day, for the more solemn Worship of God?

Ans. The Precept of the Sabbath is still in force, as to the Moral Equity of it; but not as to the Ceremonial part, and the limitation of the Seventh day of the Week: and instead hereof, the Christian Church hath from the beginning set apart the First day of the Week, in memory of our Lord's Resurrection upon that day; and then the publick worship of God requires our attendance.

Quest. How is this Practice proved to be from the Apostles?

Ans. From John 20. 19. *The same day at Evening, being the first day of the Week, when the doors were shut, where the Disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus, and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.*

Acts 20. 7. *Upon the first day of the Week,*

Week, when the Disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them.

Quest. How dost thou prove it thy duty, to give thanks to God?

Answ. From 1 Thes. 5. 18. *In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.*

Eph. 5. 20. Giving thanks always for all things unto God, and the Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Heb. 13. 15. Let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually; that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to his Name.

Quest. How dost thou prove it thy duty, to put thy whole trust in God?

Answ. From 1 Tim. 4. 10. *We trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all Men, especially of those that believe.*

Phil. 4. 6. Be careful for nothing: but in every thing by prayer, and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God.

1 Pet. 5. 7. Casting all your care upon him, for he careth for you.

Quest. How dost thou prove it thy duty, to call upon God?

Answ. From Mat. 7. 7. *Ask, and it shall*

shall be given you: seek, and ye shall find: knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

Ephes. 6. 18. Praying always with all prayer, and supplication in the Spirit; and watching thereunto with all perseverance.

Col. 4. 2. Continue in Prayer, and watch in the same with Thanksgiving.

1 Thes. 5. 17. Pray without ceasing.

Quest. How dost thou prove it thy duty, to honour the name of God?

Ans. From *1 Tim. 6. 1. That the name of God, and his Doctrine be not blasphemed.*

1 Cor. 10. 31. Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

Quest. How dost thou prove it unlawful, to dishonour God's Name by Swearing?

Ans. From *Mat. 5. 34. I say unto you, Swear not at all.*

Jam. 5. 12. Above all things, my brethren, Swear not, neither by Heaven, neither by the Earth, neither by any other Oath: but let your yea, be yea, and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation.

Quest. Is then the taking of any Oath whatsoever prohibited by Christ?

Ans. No: this is not our Saviour's meaning, to forbid the taking of any Oath

whatsoever, though requir'd by the Magistrate, and taken for righteous ends but that which he forbids, is the Swearing rashly, or vainly, or falsely, or in ordinary communication.

Quest. How dost thou prove it thy duty, to honour, and obey the Word of God?

Ans. From *Luke 11. 28.* *Blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.*

Col. 3. 16. *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom.*

2 Tim. 3. 15. *From a Child thou hast known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus.*

Jam. 1. 21, 22. *Receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your Souls. But be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.*

Quest. How dost thou prove it thy duty, to serve God all the days of thy life?

Ans. From *Luke 1. 74, 75.* *That we might serve him without fear, In holiness, and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.*

Rom. 6. 22. *Being made free from sin, and*

and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

1 Cor. 6. 10. Ye are bought with a price: therefore glorifie God in your Body, and in your Spirit, which are God's.

2 Cor. 5. 15. He died for all, that they which live, should not henceforth live unto themselves; but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

SECT. IX. *Of the Duties of the Second Table.*

Quest. **T**Hou hast told me the several parts of thy Duty towards thy Neighbour: but how dost thou prove it to be thy duty, to love him as thy self?

Answ. From *Gal. 5. 14. All the Law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy Neighbour as thy self.*

Jam. 2. 8. If ye fulfill the Royal Law, according to the Scripture, Thou shalt love thy Neighbour as thy self, ye do well.

John 13. 34. A new Commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

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1 John 3. 11. *This is the Message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.*

Quest. How dost thou prove it thy duty, to do to all Men, as thou wouldest they should do to thee?

Ans. From *Mat. 7. 12.* *All things whatsoever ye would that Men should do to you, do ye even so to them.*

Luke 6. 31. *As ye would that Men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.*

Quest. How dost thou prove it thy duty, to love, honour, and succour thy Father, and Mother?

Ans. From *Mat. 15. 4.* *God commanded, saying, Honour thy Father, and Mother.*

Ephes. 6. 1, 2. *Children, obey your Parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy Father, and Mother.*

Col. 3. 10. *Children, obey your Parents in all things: for this is well-pleasing unto the Lord.*

1 Tim. 5. 4. *If any Widow have Children, or Nephew, let them first learn to shew Piety at home, and to requite their Parents: for that is good, and acceptable before God.*

Quest. How dost thou prove, what duty

duty lies upon Parents in regard to their Children?

Answ. From Eph. 6. 4. *Ye Fathers, provoke not your Children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture, and admonition of the Lord.*

Heb. 12. 7. *What Son is he whom the Father chasteneth not?*

Quest. How dost thou prove it thy duty, to honour, and obey the King; and all that are put in Authority under him?

Answ. From Rom. 13. 1, 2, 5. *Let every soul be subject unto the higher Powers. For there is no Power but of God: the Powers that be, are ordained of God. Who-soever therefore resisteth the Power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist, shall receive to themselves damnation. Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.*

Tit. 2. 1. *Put them in mind to be subject to Principalities, and Powers; to obey Magistrates; to be ready to every good work.*

1 Pet 2. 13, 14. *Submit your selves to every ordinance of Man for the Lord's sake; whether it be to the King, as supreme; Or unto Governours, as unto them that are sent by*

by him, for the punishment of evil-doers, and for the praise of them that do well.

Quest. How dost thou prove it thy duty, to submit thy self to thy Spiritual Governours, and Pastours?

Answ. From *Heb. 13. 17.* Obey them that have the Rule over you, and submit your selves: for they watch for your Souls, as they that must give account: that they may do it with joy, and not with grief; for that is unprofitable for you.

1 Tim. 5. 17. Let the Elders that rule well, be counted worthy of double honour; especially they who labour in the word, and doctrine.

Quest. How dost thou prove it to be the duty of Servants, to submit to their Masters?

Answ. From *Eph. 6. 5, 6.* Servants, be obedient to them that are your Masters according to the flesh; with fear, and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ: Not with eye-service, as Men-pleasers, but as the servants of Christ; doing the will of God from the heart,

Tit. 2. 9, 10. Exhort Servants to be obedient unto their own Masters, and to please them well in all things; not answer-
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ing again, Not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the Doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

I Pet. 2. 18. *Servants, be subject to your Masters with all fear; not only to the good, and gentle, but also to the froward.*

Quest. How dost thou prove, what duty lies upon Masters in regard to their Servants?

Ans. From Col. 4. 1. *Masters, give unto your Servants that which is just, and equal; knowing that ye also have a Master in Heaven.*

Eph. 6. 9. *Ye Masters, do the same things unto them; forbearing threatning: knowing that your Master also is in Heaven, neither is there respect of Persons with him.*

Quest. How dost thou prove the duty of Husbands, and Wives, towards one another?

Ans. From Col. 3. 18, 19. *Wives, submit your selves unto your own Husbands, as it is fit in the Lord. Husbands, love your Wives, and be not bitter against them.*

Quest. How dost thou prove it thy duty, to order thy self lowly, and reverently to all thy Betters?

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Answ. From 1 Pet. 5. 5. Ye Younger, submit your selves unto the Elder : yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility.

Eph. 5. 21. Submitting your selves one to another in the fear of God.

Quest. How dost thou prove it thy duty, to hurt nobody by Word, or Deed?

Answ. From Rom. 12. 17, 18. Recompence to no Man evil for evil. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all Men.

Eph. 4. 31. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice.

1 Thes. 5. 15. See that none render evil for evil unto any Man : but ever follow that which is good, both among your selves, and to all men.

Quest. How dost thou prove it thy duty, to be true, and just in all thy dealings?

Answ. From Rom. 13. 7. Render to all their dues.

Phil. 4. 8. Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report ; if there be any
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vertue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Quest. How dost thou prove it thy duty, to bear no malice, nor hatred in thy heart?

Answ. From Col. 3. 8. *Put off all these, anger, wrath, malice.*

1 Joh. 3. 15. *Whosoever hateth his Brother, is a murderer : and ye know, that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.*

Rom. 12. 19. *Dearly beloved, avenge not your selves.*

Eph. 4. 26. *Let not the Sun go down upon your wrath.*

Quest. How dost thou prove it thy duty, to keep thy hands from Picking, and Stealing?

Answ. From Eph. 4. 28. *Let him that stole, steal no more : but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good.*

1 Thes. 4. 6. *That no man go beyond and defraud his Brother in any matter.*

Quest. How dost thou prove it thy duty, to keep thy tongue from evil-speaking, and flandering?

Answ. From Tit. 3. 2. *To speak evil of no man.*

Jam. 4. 11. *Speak not evil one of another.*

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Quest. How dost thou prove it thy duty, to keep thy tongue from Lying?

Ans. From Eph. 4. 25. Putting away Lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are Members one of another.

Col. 3. 9. Lye not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the Old Man with his deeds.

Rev. 21. 8. All Lyars shall have their part in the Lake which burneth with fire, and brimstone.

Quest. How dost thou prove it thy duty, to keep thy Body in temperance, and soberness?

Ans. From Luke 21. 34. Take heed to your selves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness.

Rom. 13. 13. Let us walk honestly as in the day, not in rioting, and drunkenness.

Eph. 5. 18. Be not drunk with Wine, wherein is excess.

1 Thes. 5. 7, 8. They that be drunken, are drunken in the night: But let us who are of the day, be sober.

Quest. How dost thou prove it thy duty, to keep thy body in Chastity?

Ans.

Answ. From 1 Cor. 6. 18. *Flee fornication: he that committeth fornication, sinneth against his own body.*

Eph. 5. 5. *This ye know, that no Whoremonger, nor unclean Person, hath any inheritance in the Kingdom of Christ, and of God.*

1 Thes. 4. 7. *God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.*

Heb. 13. 4. *Marriage is honourable in all, and the Bed undefiled: but Whoremongers, and Adulterers God will judge.*

Quest. How dost thou prove it thy duty, not to covet, nor desire other Men's Goods?

Answ. From Luke 12. 15. *Take heed and beware of Covetousness.*

Heb. 13. 5. *Let your conversation be without Covetousness: and be content with such things as ye have.*

1 Tim. 6. 8. *Having food, and raiment, let us be therewith content.*

Acts 20. 33. *I have coveted no man's Silver, or Gold, or Apparel.*

Quest. How dost thou prove it thy duty, to learn, and labour to get thine own living honestly, in that state of life to which God shall call thee?

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Answ. From 1 *Thes.* 14. 11. *That ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands.*

2 *Thes.* 3. 12. *We command, and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.*

Quest. How dost thou prove it the duty of Christians, to relieve the Poor, according to the state of life, in which they are placed?

Answ. From *Luke* 11. 41. *Give Alms of such things as you have.*

Acts 20. 35. *Ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said; It is more blessed to give, than to receive.*

1 *John* 3. 17. *Whoso hath this World's good, and seeth his Brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?*

Heb. 13. 16. *To do good, and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.*

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SECT. X. *Of the Lord's Prayer.*

Catechist. **M**y good Child, know this, that thou art not able to do these things of thyself; nor to walk in the Commandments of God, and to serve him without his special Grace; which thou must learn at all times to call for by diligent Prayer. Let me hear therefore if thou canst say the Lord's Prayer.

Answer.

Our Father, which art in Heaven; 1. Hallowed be thy Name: 2. Thy Kingdom come: 3. Thy Will be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven. 4. Give us this day our daily bread: 5. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us: 6. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Quest. How doth it appear, that we are directed to use this form of Prayer?

Answ. From Mat. 6. 9. *After this manner Pray ye.*

Luke 11. 2. *When ye Pray, say; Our Father, and so on.*

Quest. What desirest thou of God in this Prayer?

Answ. I desire my Lord God our Heavenly Father, who is the giver of all goodness, 1. to send his Grace unto me, and to all People;

that we may worship him, 2. serve him, and
 3. obey him as we ought to do. 4. And I pray
 unto God, that he will send us all things that
 be needful both for our Souls, and Bodies :
 5. And that he will be merciful unto us, and
 forgive us our sins : 6. And that it will please
 him to save, and defend us, in all dangers
 ghostly, and bodily ; and that he will keep us
 from all sin, and wickedness ; and from our
 ghostly Enemy ; and from everlasting death.
 And this I trust he will do of his mercy, and
 goodness, through our Lord Jesus Christ. And
 therefore I say, Amen. So be it.

Quest. Thou hast answer'd well : But
 to speak more distinctly of the several
 Petitions of the Lord's Prayer, what do
 we particularly request of God, in the
 First Petition of it, *Hallowed be thy Name?*

Ansiv. We pray, that God may be
 glorify'd by us, and all Men, in every
 thing ; and that he would enable us in
 all our actions to promote the honour
 of his Name.

Quest. What do we particularly re-
 quest of God in the Second Petition,
Thy Kingdom come?

Ansiv. We pray, that God would rule
 in our hearts ; and enlarge the Christian
 Church, which is his Kingdom of Grace:
 and

and that he would hasten his Kingdom of Glory ; and that the power of Sin, and Satan may be abolish'd in us, and in all the World.

Quest. What do we particularly request of God in the Third Petition, *Thy Will be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven?*

Ans. We pray, that God would enable us to perform his Will, with the same readiness, and obedience, as 'tis fulfill'd by the Angels, and Saints in Heaven : and that in all things which he shall appoint, we may chearfully submit to his good pleasure.

Quest. What do we particularly request of God in the Fourth Petition, *Give us this day our daily bread?*

Ans. We pray for all the necessary supports of Life ; and for the sustenance both of Body, and Soul ; and for God's blessing upon our lawful industry : and we acknowledge hereby our dependance on God's daily care.

Quest. What do we particularly request of God in the Fifth Petition, *Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us?*

Ans. We pray to be releas'd from the

guilt and penalty of our daily sins : and because God hath made the forgiving of our Brethren, the condition of granting his Pardon to us ; we declare solemnly to him, that we are ready to forgive all that have offended us, as we hope for remission from him.

Quest. How dost thou prove this to be the Condition, of our expecting God's Forgiveness?

Ans. From *Mat. 6. 14, 15.* *If ye forgive Men their trespasses, your Heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if ye forgive not Men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.*

Mar. 11. 25. *When ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any ; that your Father also which is in Heaven may forgive you your trespasses.*

Luke 6. 37. *Forgive, and ye shall be forgiven.*

Quest. What do we particularly request of God in the Sixth Petition, *Lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil ?*

Ans. We pray, that God would either keep us from all temptations to sin, or would strengthen us under them ;
and

and that he would preserve us from all evil, both of Sin, and of Punishment ; and especially from the Snares of the Devil.

Quest. Why do we pray, that God would not *lead us into temptation*, since he never tempteth any Man to sin ?

Ans. Because though God doth never tempt any Man to sin, yet all temptations are by his Permission ; and he can stop them at any time, and keep us from falling.

Quest. What Proof hast thou of God's Power, and Goodness in this matter ?

Ans. From 1 Cor. 10. 13. *God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able ; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.*

2 Pet. 2. 9. *The Lord knoweth how to deliver the Godly out of temptations.*

Quest. What is the Form of Praise, and Thanksgiving, which usually concludes the Lord's Prayer ?

Ans. Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, for ever, and ever.

Quest. Thou sayest, *Amen*, in confidence of God's hearing thee : But what

proof hast thou of his hearing, and granting our requests?

Answ. From *Mat.* 7. 8. *Every one that asketh, receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh, it shall be opened.*

Mat. 21. 22. *All things whatsoever ye shall ask in Prayer, believing, ye shall receive.*

John 16. 23. *Verily, verily I say unto you; Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my Name, he will give it you.*

1 *John* 5. 14. *This is the confidence that we have in him, that if we ask any thing according to his Will, he heareth us.*

SECT. XI. *Of the Two Sacraments: and more particularly of Baptism.*

Quest. **H**ow many Sacraments hath Christ ordained in his Church?

Answ. Two onely, as generally necessary to Salvation, that is to say, Baptism, and the Supper of the Lord.

Quest. What meanest thou by this word Sacrament?

Answ. I mean an outward, and visible sign of an inward, and spiritual Grace, given unto us; ordained by Christ himself, as a means whereby we receive the same, and a pledge to assure us thereof.

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Quest. How many parts are there in a Sacrament ?

Ans. Two: The outward visible Sign, and the inward Spiritual Grace.

Quest. What is the outward visible Sign, or Form in Baptism ?

Ans. Water: wherein the Person is baptized, In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Quest. Where is the Command of baptizing thus ?

Ans. In *Mat. 28. 19.* Go ye, and teach all Nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Quest. What is the inward, and Spiritual Grace ?

Ans. A death unto sin, and a new birth unto righteousness: For being by nature born in sin, and the Children of Wrath, we are hereby made the Children of Grace.

Quest. What is the death unto Sin ?

Ans. Death unto Sin, is the being cleansed from the pollution of it ; and the ceasing from it, as a dead Man doth from the Actions of Life.

Quest. What is the new birth unto righteousness ?

Ans. The new birth unto righteousness,

ness, is a Change in the Soul ; by receiving holy dispositions from the Spirit of God, and an ability to proceed in all vertue, and godliness of living.

Quest. How dost thou prove, that in Baptism there is a death unto sin, and a new birth unto righteousness?

Answ. From Rom. 6. 4. *We are buried with him by Baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*

Col. 2. 12. Buried with him in Baptism, wherein also you are risen with him; through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

2 Cor. 5. 17. If any man be in Christ, he is a new Creature.

Rom. 6. 11. Reckon ye your selves to be dead indeed unto sin; but alive unto God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Quest. How dost thou prove, that by Nature we are born in Sin, and the Children of wrath?

Answ. From Eph. 2. 3. *We all were by nature the Children of wrath, even as others.*

Rom. 5. 12. By one Man Sin entred into the World, and death by sin; and so death passed

passed upon all Men, for that all have sinned.

Q. What is required of Persons to be baptized?

Ans. Repentance, whereby they forsake sin; and Faith, whereby they stedfastly believe the Promises of God, made to them in that Sacrament.

Quest. Why then are Infants baptized, when by reason of their tender age they cannot perform them?

Ans. Because they promise them both by their Sureties; which promise, when they come to age, themselves are bound to perform.

Quest. How dost thou prove, that Repentance is required of Persons to be baptized?

Ans. From Acts 2. 38. Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the Name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins.

Mat. 4. 17. Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.

Quest. How dost thou prove, that this Repentance is the forsaking of sin?

Ans. From 2 Tim. 2. 19. Let every one that nameth the name of Christ, depart from iniquity.

1 John 3. 6. Whosoever abideth in him, sinneth not: whosoever sinneth, hath not seen him, neither known him.

Qu. How dost thou prove, that Faith is

is requir'd of Persons to be baptized?

Answ. From *Acts* 2. 41. *They that gladly received his word, were baptized.*

Acts 8. 36, 37. *The Eunuch said, See, here is Water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest.*

Quest. How is the Baptism of Infants grounded upon Scripture?

Answ. 'Tis grounded upon the administration of Circumcision to Infants under the Law; and upon the ordaining of Baptism as the way to Salvation; and upon the assurance that Infants are capable of being saved.

Quest. How dost thou prove, that Infants are in a capacity of Salvation?

Answ. From *Mat.* 19. 14. *Suffer little Children, and forbid them not to come unto me: for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.*

1 Cor. 7. 14. *Else were your Children unclean; but now are they holy.*

Quest. How dost thou prove the necessity of Baptism?

Answ. From *John* 3. 5. *Except a man be born of Water, and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God.*

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1 Pet. 3. 21. Baptism doth also now save us.

SECT. XII. Of the Lords Supper,

Quest. **W**hy was the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper ordain'd?

Ans. For the continual remembrance of the Sacrifice of the death of Christ, and of the benefits which we receive thereby.

Quest. How doth it appear to be the end of ordaining this Sacrament?

Ans. From Luke 22. 19. *This is my Body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.*

1 Cor. 11. 26. *As often as ye eat this Bread, and drink this Cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.*

Quest. What is the outward part, or sign of the Lord's Supper?

Ans. Bread and Wine, which the Lord hath commanded to be received.

Quest. What Proof hast thou of this Command?

Ans. From 1 Cor, 11. 23, 24, 25. *I have received of the Lord, that which also I delivered unto you: that the Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took Bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said; Take, eat, this is my Body which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the Cup, when he had supped, saying; This Cup is the New Testament in my Blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.*

Quest. What is the inward part, or thing signified?

Ans. The Body, and Blood of Christ, which are verily, and indeed taken, and received by the faithful in the Lord's Supper.

Quest. What are the benefits, whereof we are partakers thereby?

Ans. The strengthening, and refreshing of our Souls by the Body, and Blood of Christ; as our Bodies are by the Bread, and Wine.

Quest. How dost thou prove, that the Body, and Blood of Christ are truly, and Spiritually receiv'd in the Lord's Supper?

Ans. From Mat. 26. 26, 27, 28. Jesus took Bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the Disciples, and said; Take, eat, this is my Body. And he took the Cup, and gave Thanks, and gave it to them, saying; Drink ye all of it: For this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many, for the remission of sins.

1 Cor. 10. 16. The Cup of Blessing which we bless, is it not the Communion of the Blood of Christ? The Bread which we break, is it not the Communion of the Body of Christ?

John 6. 54. Whoso eateth my Flesh, and drinketh my Blood, hath eternal life.

Quest. What is required of them who come to the Lord's Supper?

Ans. To examine themselves, whether they repent them truly of their former sins, stedfastly purposing to lead a new Life; have a lively faith in God's mercy through Christ, with a thankful remembrance of his death, and be in Charity with all Men.

Quest. How dost thou prove such Examination to be necessary?

Ans. From 1 Cor. 11. 27, 28. *Whoſoever ſhall eat this Bread, and drink this Cup of the Lord unworthily, ſhall be guilty of the Body and Blood of the Lord. But let a man Examine himſelf; and ſo let him eat of that Bread, and drink of that Cup.*

Queſt. Why is Repentance neceſſary to the receiving of the Lord's Supper?

Ans. Becauſe without Repentance, we can hope for no benefit from the death of Chriſt, which we here commemorate; and have the merits of it convey'd to us by this ſacred Memorial.

Queſt. How is it prov'd, that we ought ſo to Repent?

Ans. From 1 Cor. 5. 8. *Let us keep the Feaſt, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice, and wickedneſs; but with the unleavened bread of ſincerity, and truth.*

1 Cor. 11. 31. *If we would judge our ſelves, we ſhould not be judged.*

Queſt. Why is Faith neceſſary to the Lord's Supper?

Anſw. Becauſe 'tis a Sacrament appointed for ſuch Believers, as own their Baptiſm, and are ripe in knowledge; and herein they have a near communion with Chriſt, and feed on him by faith.

Queſt. What proof haſt thou for this duty?

Anſw. From Heb. 10. 22. *Let us draw near with a true heart, in full aſſurance of Faith.*

2 Cor. 13. 5. *Examine your ſelves, whether ye be in the Faith.*

Queſt. Why is our Thankfulneſs neceſſary to the Lord's Supper?

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Ans. Because 'tis a Sacrifice of Thanksgiving to God, for our redemption by Christ.

Quest. What Proof hast thou for a thankful remembrance hereof.

Ans. From Rom. 5. 8. *God commendeth his love towards us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us*

1 Pet. 1. 18, 19. *Ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as Silver, and Gold: But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a Lamb without blemish, and without spot.*

Quest. Why is the being in Charity necessary to the Lord's Supper?

Ans. Because 'tis a Feast of Love, and a Communion of Christians one with another; and signifies their conjunction in one Spiritual Body.

Quest. What Proof hast thou for this duty?

Ans. From Mat. 5. 23, 24. *If thou bring thy Gift to the Altar, and there remembrest that thy Brother hath ought against thee: Leave there thy Gift before the Altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy Brother, and then come, and offer thy Gift.*

1 Cor. 10. 17. *We being many are one Bread, and one Body: for we are all partakers of that one Bread.*

Eph. 5. 2. *Walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us: and hath given himself for us, an Offering, and a Sacrifice to God.*

1 John 4. 11. *If God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.*

The END.

